

C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of processing a biometric input, said method comprising:
receiving the biometric input from a biometric receiving device;
computing a biometric signature corresponding to the biometric input;
comparing the biometric signature to one or more stored biometric signatures;
determining a match based on the comparing;
identifying an action based on the determination; and
performing the identified action
2. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the performing further includes:
identifying a message recipient;
preparing a message; and
sending the message to the message recipient.
3. (Original) The method as described in claim 2 wherein the preparing further includes:
identifying an encryption key corresponding to the recipient; and
encrypting the message using the identified encryption key.
4. (Original) The method as described in claim 2 wherein the preparing further includes:
identifying a sender's digital signature; and
signing the message with the sender's digital signature.
5. (Original) The method as described in claim 2 further comprising:
identifying a visual image corresponding to a person, the person corresponding to the
biometric signature; and
including the visual image in the message.
6. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the biometric receiving device
includes a plurality of biometric receiving devices, each receiving device corresponding
to a distinct location id.
7. (Original) The method as described in claim 6 further comprising;

identifying a message recipient;
preparing a message;
retrieving a biometric location corresponding to one of the biometric input devices from which the biometric input was received; and
sending a message to the message recipient, wherein the message includes the biometric location.

8. (Original) An information handling system comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;
one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by the processors;
a biometric input handling tool to manage a biometric input stored on one of the nonvolatile storage devices, the biometric input handling tool including:
means for receiving the biometric input from a biometric receiving device;
means for computing a biometric signature corresponding to the biometric input;
means for comparing the biometric signature to one or more stored biometric signatures;
means for determining a match based on the comparing;
means for identifying an action based on the determination; and
means for performing the identified action.
9. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 wherein the means for performing further includes:
means for identifying a message recipient;
means for preparing a message; and
means for sending the message to the message recipient.
10. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
means for identifying an encryption key corresponding to the recipient; and
means for encrypting the message using the identified encryption key.

11. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
 - means for identifying a sender's digital signature; and
 - means for signing the message with the sender's digital signature.
12. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising:
 - means for identifying a visual image corresponding to a person, the person corresponding to the biometric signature; and
 - means for including the visual image in the message.
13. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 wherein the biometric receiving device includes a plurality of biometric receiving devices, each receiving device corresponding to a distinct location id.
14. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 13 further comprising:
 - means for identifying a message recipient;
 - means for preparing a message;
 - means for retrieving a biometric location corresponding to one of the biometric input devices from which the biometric input was received; and
 - means for sending a message to the message recipient, wherein the message includes the biometric location.
15. (Original) A computer program product stored in a computer operable media for managing a data source, said computer program product comprising:
 - means for receiving the biometric input from a biometric receiving device;
 - means for computing a biometric signature corresponding to the biometric input;
 - means for comparing the biometric signature to one or more stored biometric signatures;
 - means for determining a match based on the comparing;
 - means for identifying an action based on the determination; and
 - means for performing the identified action.
16. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 15 wherein the means for performing further includes:

means for identifying a message recipient;
means for preparing a message; and
means for sending the message to the message recipient.

17. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 16 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
means for identifying an encryption key corresponding to the recipient; and
means for encrypting the message using the identified encryption key.
18. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 16 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
means for identifying a sender's digital signature; and
means for signing the message with the sender's digital signature.
19. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 16 further comprising:
means for identifying a visual image corresponding to a person, the person corresponding to the biometric signature; and
means for including the visual image in the message.
20. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 15 wherein the biometric receiving device includes a plurality of biometric receiving devices, each receiving device corresponding to a distinct location id.
21. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 20 further comprising:
means for identifying a message recipient;
means for preparing a message;
means for retrieving a biometric location corresponding to one of the biometric input devices from which the biometric input was received; and
means for sending a message to the message recipient, wherein the message includes the biometric location.